



Application No. 10/601/640

CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 4 (canceled)

(5) (currently amended)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 4 20
together with an object releaseably held in said storage space,
as means for the playing of a game wherein the release of said object via the
deconstruction of said form is one player's partial aim.

(6) (canceled)

(7) (currently amended)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 4 5
together with marks of representation confined longitudinally of said axis in
relation to each other,
said marks forming indicia as a sequence in order longitudinally of said axis and
said marks being equal in number to said elements so that each mark
corresponds to one of said elements according to that element's ordinal position
longitudinal of said axis,
said marks serving to facilitate a reference to said elements independent of the
elements' own colouring and indicia,
whereas said elements' relative order longitudinally of said axis may be varied
after the deconstruction of said form.

Claims 8 - 16 (canceled)

(17) (currently amended)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 3 24

~~which comprises a semi-tubular limiter,~~

~~whereas given said form said limiter extends through said bore, pins said~~

~~elements and rotatably mounts each element,~~

whereas said second member defines a groove,

and whereas, given said form, said limiter incorporates a ridge slidably located in said groove whereby said second member may be rotated through the application of torque between said limiter and said handle.

Claims 18 - 19 (canceled)

(20) (new)

a manipulative puzzle

which comprises a first member and a second member pivoted for rotation in relation to said first member about an axis,

which comprises a set of annular elements, each element defining a bore and defining a keyway at the periphery of the bore,

which comprises a semi-tubular limiter,

and which displays a form

in which said limiter coaxially pins said elements on an equable arbor for rotation about said axis,

in which said limiter is engaged with said second member for simultaneous rotation therewith relative to said first member,

in which certain rotations of said second member relative to said first member permit respective rotations of an exclusive lot of said elements, the make-up of which lot is variable by movements of said elements longitudinally of said axis in relation to said first and second members,

whereas said limiter joins a housing delimiting a storage space at one end of said arbor,

and whereas depending on the deconstruction of said form by the withdrawal of said members from said bore, said limiter permits the unpinning of said elements through the application of controlled manipulative forces, thereby providing a way of manipulative access to the contents if any of said storage space.

(21) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 20

which comprises a sequence of projectional units in line longitudinally of said axis, each unit engaged to one of said first and second members for rotation relative to the other one of said first and second members about said axis,

which comprises a plastic molding having a resilient bent portion,

wherein said second member incorporates a catch part at one end of said sequence,

whereas variations in the disposition of said catch part may be produced by movements at said bent portion, there being one disposition thereby achievable through the application of manipulative force wherein said catch part may passed over said bent portion and thereby said first and second members may be disjoined.

(22) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 21

whereas the reconstruction of said form may redeploy said bent portion, said catch part further bending said bent portion and, as said bent portion resiles, trapping said bent portion to relatively confine said first and second members and said projectional units.

(23) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 22

wherein said molding is a spindle, said projectional units being mounted on said spindle and one of said projectional units being rotatable on said spindle..

(24) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 23
which comprises a handle detachably joined to said first member, said handle mounting a device to facilitate the application of force to said bent portion of said spindle whereby said first and second members may be disjoined.

(25) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 20, wherein said housing includes a detachable lid,
whereas said lid closes off said storage space,
and whereas after the deconstruction of said form and the unpinning of said elements, said lid may be detached.

(26) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 25
wherein said housing comprises a container in addition to said lid, said container being joined to said limiter for simultaneous rotation with said limiter relative to said first member,
and wherein said lid comprises a means of attachment to said container,
whereas said means of attachment is deployed in said form to rotationally engage said lid with said container for simultaneous rotation of the lid and container in relation to said first member.

(27) (new)

a manipulative puzzle as set forth in claim 26

wherein said lid is also a spacer, reducing the number of said elements which may be accommodated on said limiter,

whereas after the deconstruction of said form and the unpinning of said elements, said lid may be detached and said form may be reconstructed with increase of said number, additional elements then replacing said lid on said limiter.